

## **Short-Term | Primary Media Statements**

### **San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site**

**Location:** The western bank of the San Jacinto River, just north of Interstate 10.

- Superfund is the federal program that works to remediate hazardous waste sites. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directs all Superfund activities.
- The first stage of remediating the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site is set to begin in April [*or a date certain TBD*].
  - Better securing and remediating the site will be a benefit to public health and the environment.
  - A team of dedicated engineering and environmental professionals are working on this project.
  - Two companies are working with U.S. EPA. These companies are McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC) and International Paper (IP).
- Your safety is important. As of April \_\_, the Site will be closed to the public.
  - Fences and other barriers will be constructed to restrict public access.
  - Signs will also be posted around the Site to tell everyone that:
    - Unauthorized persons are not allowed on the Site;
    - the area may be dangerous; and,
    - people should avoid eating fish or crab from the San Jacinto River, the Houston Ship Channel, Tabbs Bay and Upper Galveston Bay north of Red Bluff Point to Five Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point.
- The general public is once again reminded of the Texas Department of State Health Services fish and crab consumption advisory. For all species of fish and blue crabs, adults should limit consumption to no more than one, 8-ounce meal per month. Women of child-bearing age and children under 12 should not consume any fish or blue crabs from this area.
- Many community organizations, government agencies, and elected officials (*list all by name*) are working to tell people about the actions being taken to make this Site a safe place.

- For more information about this Superfund Site, please visit [*appropriate EPA Web site link*] or call [*appropriate contact*].

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